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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 27 May 2006: "Day of Families" stamps and souvenir cards**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Saturday, 27 May 2006, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card on the theme "Day of Families". The stamp issue coincides with the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition, which is being held from 27 May to 3 June in Washington, D.C. The stamps were designed by Shelly Bartek (United States of America).

2. The stamps will be issued in denominations of $0.39, $0.84, F.s. 1.00, F.s. 1.30, €0.55 and €1.25 (United States equivalents: F.s. 1.00: $0.76; F.s. 1.30: $0.99; €0.55: $0.65 and €1.25: $1.47, subject to exchange rate fluctuation).

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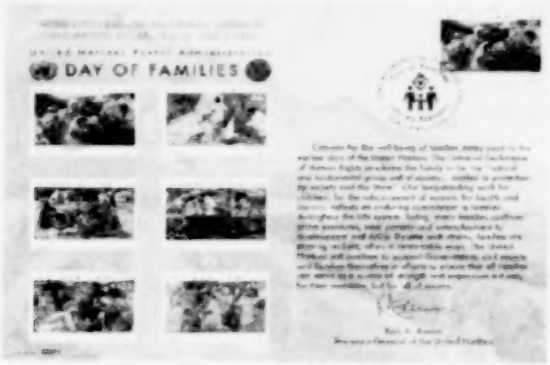
Souvenir cards

3. A souvenir card on the theme "Day of Families" will be issued on 27 May 2006 as well. The card depicts the new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General. The souvenir card will be available in mint condition as well as four cancelled varieties. Each cancelled card will be affixed with a stamp from the respective UNPA office in New York, Washington, D.C., Geneva or Vienna and cancelled appropriately.



4. UNPA will be issuing special limited-edition souvenir cards with gold-foil over-print to commemorate the Washington 2006 stamp exhibition. Due to the stamps' release at the World Philatelic Exhibition, a special first-day hand cancellation for the Day of Families will be available.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Washington, D.C., Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Tuesday, 30 May, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) The temporary sales counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the news-stand in front of the windows from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.